

**This is Exhibit 5 referred to
in the accompanying Declaration of
Alan Brian Porter dated 3 August 1999**

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BY FAX: 1st February 1996
TO: Miss Sylvia Rodriguez - Melia & Capella - 0034 71 206250
FROM: Alan Porter

Dear Miss Rodriguez

I refer to our telephone conversation this morning (1st February 1996). I am grateful of your telephone call, particularly when you are ill.

As discussed, I confirm that I have spoken to my UK Solicitors once more in view of the continuing difficulty that your private detective has had in trying to find Mr Mabbott.

It has been decided that we simply cannot let matters continue bearing in mind that the private detective has been looking for him for some three to four weeks in Palma but with no success. It seems quite possible that he will not achieve success in the foreseeable future. Accordingly we now move to another method of bringing this matter to conclusion. I am placing advertisements in the local and national papers in the UK requesting Mr Mabbott to contact me as a matter of urgency before mid-day on Friday 9th February 1996. I am also writing to him at his home address and sending a copy of that letter to his parents' address asking them to contact him as soon as possible so that he contacts me by the date and time suggested.

I would be grateful if you would please place the enclosed advertisement in the English language newspaper that you mentioned with a publication date as soon as possible and I understand that you will carry through this task.

If Mr Mabbott does not contact me through the advertisements or letters that I have written, and coupling this to the earlier efforts that we have made to try and find him, we will then have done everything that we possibly could to bring this matter to conclusion by way of trying to contact him. My Solicitors advise that, once we have reached this position, I am at liberty to transfer Mr Mabbott's shares to my own name as provided for within the agreement.

If Mr Mabbott contacts me, I will advise him of the situation and serve upon him the demand for immediate repayment. It is my intention to ask him to pay the money to you by way of "cleared funds" and that this payment should reach you by a particular time and date of which I will advise you as and when I have spoken to Mr Mabbott. I understand that you have arrangements in Spain whereby such payment can be made to you without any danger of the payment being "stopped" (you will appreciate that a cheque on a normal bank account can be issued to you but stopped by Mr Mabbott at his bank and this is a situation that we must avoid). I understand that you are agreeable to this procedure.

Fax to Miss Sylvia Rodriguez

1st February 1996

Accordingly, please be kind enough to place the enclosed advertisement in the paper that you suggest as soon as possible. Also please advise me by fax of the details that I need to pass to Mr Mabbott to ensure that the right procedures are followed. I presume that there is a Spanish name for the correct procedure and documentation that he should complete and it would be helpful to know this from you so that I may advise him as to exactly what is required. I will advise him to make such payment to your firm (the payment papers being made payable to your firm of Melia & Capella). I will indicate to him that the office at which such payments should be delivered is as follows:

Melia & Capella
Advocats
Francesco Rover 1
07003 Palma

Please be kind enough to confirm that this is the correct address and in the shape and form to allow him to find your office.

The sum involved will be somewhere between £82,000 and £82,500 Sterling which will appear to currently convert to something just over 15 million pesetas. You will notice that the amount in Sterling is rather higher than was earlier indicated to you - this is because interest has now been added for the month of January and I have also added a notional amount to represent the extra costs involved in trying to find him - this being provided for and allowed under the terms of the agreement that I have with him. In order to finalise the exact figure, it would be helpful to know from you as a matter of urgency as to the actual level of costs that have been incurred to date. I have already paid you some 175,000 pesetas (approximately £875 Sterling) as a working provision. I would hope that your own costs are well covered by this amount and that the sum that you hold may also cover (or at least make a contribution towards) the cost of the private detective. In addition to the costs that have been incurred by your goodself and your private detective, there is obviously the cost of the advertisement that you are about to place. Some accurate forecast of my total costs as far as you and your side of the operation are concerned would obviously be more than helpful so that I can add this to the amount claimed against Mr Mabbott.

In conclusion, may I also ask you to confirm the hours over which your office is open so that I may again confirm this to Mr Mabbott. Can you also please confirm that, in the event that payment is offered to you after the date and time that I will specify, it will be refused. Also that if only part payment is made, this is also refused.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible (on Monday 5th February would be most convenient if you are able to react quickly). I hope that you are now back in good health and looking forward to the Spring.

Yours sincerely



Alan Porter